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In re Patent Application of) Mail Stop RCE
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Application No.: 10/607,434) Examiner: Frances P. Oropeza
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For: SENSOR-EQUIPED AND ALGORITHM CONTROLLED DIRECT MECHANICAL VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE)))

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action dated April 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: